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ARAB BOYCOTT

- I. Picketing of an Egyptian ship in New York in a dispute indirectly involving Israel will cause difficulties for American civil and military activities in the Middle East.
 - A. The federation of Arab unions has announced that a full boycott of American ships will go into effect on 29 April from Morocco to the Persian Gulf unless picketing is stopped.
 1. A similar boycott against US planes is to be applied.
 - B. While the boycott may not be unanimous, it is likely to be widespread.
 1. Arabs cannot believe that US government has no power to end picketing.

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